

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: February 25, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Steven J. McDonough, Selectmen Daniel E. Donovan, III, and William F. Condra and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman McDonough.

John Shepardson attended the meeting to discuss the Maple Street issue. Chairman McDonough explained to John the outcome of the meetings with Chief Hautanen, Dawn Tuomala and later the Conservation Commission. John agreed that if the Conservation Commission were still interested in a possible 100' lot line adjustment that would solve the problem. The Selectmen are waiting to hear from the Conservation Commission.

Next, John brought up the issue of Dennis Viens' driveway application. John explained that the Planning Board issued a partial approval of the application, but DPW Director Steve Elliott did not approve the application. John stated that it is a safety issue and a safety issue should not be waived; the location does not have the required site distance. Selectman Donovan noted that the Board does not have jurisdiction over a denied driveway permit. An appeal of Administrative Decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment would need to be filed and it is up to Mr. Viens to file that appeal. Selectman Condra stated that in order for him to file an appeal, there needs to be a denial in place. It was suggested that Steve Elliott issue a written denial so that Mr. Viens can go to the ZBA. John mentioned the clause in the ZBA ordinances that authorizes the Building Inspector to

deny permits under certain circumstances, for example in this case he feels it would negatively impact the abutters. The Board suggested that Steve's letter state the avenue of appeal for Mr. Viens.

The next topic of discussion with John Shepardson was the "Fishing Camp". Attorney Little sent a letter directing them to remove the camp. Later John saw heavy equipment on the site and said they had dug footings, which is a further violation. Selectman Condra said the footings indicate that they plan to build something there. The site is on a protected portion of Stony Brook, which is covered by the Shore Land Protection Act. John stated that DES had visited the site and chose to take no action. Chairman McDonough recalled that the Board decided to let Attorney Little handle the situation.

Selectman Donovan told the Board that Attorney Little had been in contact with him regarding the Lyndeborough suit; and he told him to proceed with enforcement action.

Joe Torre attended the meeting next to discuss the Pead Hill antenna site. MACC Base intends to renew the lease. They would like to extend the current lease until the end of the year to get it in synch with the contract MACC Base has with the towns. There is a built in 3% increase each year which MACC Base would like to see adjusted.

Joe distributed information about the bond procedure. He noted that April 5th is the first deadline that will need to be met. The Town will need to choose a Bond Agent. The Selectmen put the subject on the agenda for March 18th, the first meeting following the Town Meeting.

The next agenda item was a conversation by Jim Tuttle regarding the Storm water management regulations from EPA. Selectman Donovan stated that the Board had just received correspondence from CEI regarding this. Jim stated that the regulations do not pertain to the Water or Sewer Departments. The Board decided to have Steve Elliott

come to the meeting next week to discuss the issue.

Jim Tuttle's next area of discussion was backflow device inspections throughout Town. He reported on the private businesses and town buildings that use another supplier to do their backflow inspections. A lengthy discussion ensued between Jim and the Selectmen concerning whether NE Backflow Inc. should have exclusive rights to all backflow testing in Wilton. Jim is in the process of negotiating prices for the April inspections with various suppliers. The Selectmen asked him to report back when he has a contract.

Kathy Champagne was next on the agenda to discuss speeding traffic on Burton Highway. She boards her horse at the Haas residence and has noticed that within the last year and a half drivers are not as conscious of horses in the roadway. She has voiced her concern with the Police Department. She asked the Board if it would be possible to put up some signage in the area. Selectman Condra explained how the signage worked with the Town-wide speed limit ordinance. The possibility of putting up horse signage in the area was discussed. The Selectmen will notify the Highway Department and the Police Department about the speeding concerns and the possibility of adding signage.

The Quinn pit was discussed. Selectman Condra revisited the question of whether or not they should be paying property tax. Selectman Donovan stated that the Selectmen had taken the advice of Attorney Little on this issue and voted to abate the taxes; therefore, there is no action to take.

The Correspondence and informational material was reviewed.

The manifests were signed.

The minutes were approved.

Payroll for period ending 2/23/13 was approved.

One Veteran's Exemption was approved.

The Warrant for Town Meeting was signed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Chairman McDonough followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary